



SATURDAY, SEPT. 22 1900

TOLD BY AN OCULIST.

A Pretended Blind Girl Stood Every
—Test But One.Tiny Little Mouse, Released by the
Doctor in His Office, Threw Her
Off Her Guard and Exposed
Her as an Impostor.

Physicians often have to exercise great care to avoid becoming the victims of imposition. If a dishonest applicant for a pension can hoodwink some doctor, the latter's certificate may be made the means of perpetrating a fraud upon the government; and social parasites who seek to sponge on public and charitable institutions are always trying to inveigle a physician into saying the word or writing the line which would gain them admission.

An interesting case in point was related by the leading oculist of Montreal, a man whose practice extended far outside of the bounds of that city. One day a young woman came into his office, accompanied by an elder woman, apparently the mother. The young woman wore colored glasses, which one might have assumed to be superfluous; as it was claimed that the girl was totally blind. What was wanted of the doctor was a certificate authenticating this claim of blindness, putting it beyond dispute; and it was frankly stated that the object in seeking this was to obtain certain aids and advantages of a philanthropic nature impossible of access otherwise. The standing of the oculist was such that a statement from him would carry full weight wherever presented.

On examination the surface of the eyes gave no indication of any defect, but that might be so and blindness still exist. Applying tests of the strongest light, the girl professed herself to be absolutely unable to distinguish between light and darkness. Other tests were resorted to, trying in their nature, and some of them very painful; and these were all borne with patience and



LITTLE MOUSE BETRAYED HER.

courage. The doctor was puzzled and baffled. Apparently the girl was stone blind, but he was unable to solve the problem of those eyes, to discover the cause of that blindness or say just where the defect lay.

The doctor was more than half disposed to grant the desired certificate, when, as a last expedient, he hit upon a novel experiment. He dismissed his patient, with instructions that she should come again at a certain hour the following day, and this gave the oculist time to arrange for the carrying out of his plan. When the girl came the next day the doctor had her securely blindfolded with a heavy bandage over her eyes. He then took a tiny mouse which he had procured and held the lively little thing by its tail before the girl's face, though not touching her while he ordered the bandage to be removed. No sooner was the bandage off than her eyes rang through the place and her eyes rang wide with terror at the harmless little rodent, which had thrown her so completely off her guard and exposed the imposture. Of course, she saw it, or she would not have screamed. Needless to say, the applicant did not get that certificate.

Horse Pulled Farmer's Tooth.

William J. Smith, a well-known resident of Babylon, N. Y., had one of his large front teeth pulled out by a horse. He was at work on the horse when it became restless from the flies, and switched its tail viciously. Smith, who was smoking a pipe, tried to calm the horse. Suddenly, to his astonishment, the horse's tail caught on the stem of the pipe and yanked the pipe out of Smith's mouth, carrying a large front tooth with it. The tooth was extracted as quickly as if the operation had been performed by a dentist, Smith says, and with no more pain. The tooth was perfectly sound.

A Feet Quite Beyond Him.

A Scottish prison chaplain, recently appointed, entered one of the cells on his first round of inspection, and with much pomposity thus addressed the prisoner who occupied it: "Well, my man, do you know who I am?" "No, nor I dinna care!" was the nonchalant reply. "Well, I'm your new chaplain." "Oh, ye are? Then I had heard of ye before!" "And what do ye hear?" returned the chaplain, his curiosity getting the better of his dignity. "Well, I heard that the last two kirk ye were in ye preached them baith empty; but ye willna find it such an easy matter to do the same

with this one."

The Weight of Water.
A sheet of water one inch thick and one acre in area, it is said, weighs 101 tons.

ROYAL SMOKERS.

Germany's emperor confessed recently that of all his habits smoking had the greatest hold over him. "When I am not asleep I am smoking, and when I am asleep I often dream of the 'subtle poison.' The sultan of Turkey sent me a few months ago a hundred boxes of his choice cigarettes. These are the boxes." His majesty pointed toward a row of delicately "got up" tins. "But the cigarettes are not in them; they have 'ended in smoke.'"

This pretty little anecdote about the boy king in Spain is now given: A short time ago the queen regent was telling her son how poor his country, Spain, was becoming, and what need there would be of reform and economy in many respects. "Mother," said the young monarch in embryo, "I have quite made up my mind that we must all give something for the sake of my country—some luxury. I, for my part, have determined to give up smoking!"

Margherita, the dowager queen of Italy, once said to the prince of Wales: "I can overlook many faults of a man and can make allowances for his shortcomings. One fault, however, I cannot overlook, and that is his not smoking. When my husband, the king, is annoyed I give him his pipe; when he is good-tempered I give him a cigarette; when I want him to do something particular for me I give him a cigar. With a pipe I can console him, with a cigarette I can delight him, and with a cigar I can lead him anywhere and anywhere."

The duke of York is a cigarette smoker. He once said to the czar of Russia: "A short time ago I had an idea that cigarettes were bad for me, so I determined to limit myself to five smokes a day. The first day I managed to exist on the number I had determined upon smoking. The second day I smoked all five before luncheon and felt miserable during the rest of the day. The third day I smoked the five judiciously, but still felt a great 'wanting.' The fourth day I couldn't stand it any longer and so smoked 15 cigarettes to make up for my self-denial during the other days."

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

Whisky is an accurate senses taker. Gloves are unsalable when they are kept on hand.

A man is made either great or small by his own will.

Close quarters are to be found in a stingy man's dollar.

A policeman's club contains enough lumber to floor a man.

Children and fools are very apt to seize upon unanswerable arguments.

The average politician will promise anything one minute and forget it the next.

When women cry it gives them time to think of some other excuse besides because.

When a man's temperature reaches the limit he is either hot-headed or has cold feet.

It is useless to argue with some people, but lawbreakers are always open to conviction.

It must be a consolation to the poor bride to know that she at least wasn't married for her money.

If wives didn't insist on their husbands working the lawn mower over time there might be fewer grass weeds.

The delegate who rose to a point of order after sitting down on the aggressive end of a pin was assured by the chairman that the point was well taken.—Chicago Daily News.

BOOKS AND AUTHORS.

Prince Tuan is a man of letters as well as a Chinese warrior. He is the author of a romance entitled "The Night Flower of the Anshu Valley." He is a patron of Chinese art and has one of the finest porcelain collections in the empire.

The Chinese began to write books before they migrated from the region south of the Caspian sea. Two of their greatest literary productions are a dictionary in 5,020 volumes and an encyclopedia in 22,937 volumes.

Dr. J. H. Breasted, professor of Egyptology in the University of Chicago, has just been appointed by the emperor of Germany to superintend the publication of his new Egyptian dictionary. This lexicon will enable students of ethnology to study the hieroglyphics in the museums throughout the world. This is an excellent compliment to an American scholar.

Another interesting English literary landmark is soon to disappear in the shape of the house in Richmond to which George Eliot and Mr. Lewes went to live in 1855, and which was their home for more than three years. During that time George Eliot wrote her "Scenes from Clerical Life" and "Adam Bede." The house is soon to be demolished.

ABBREVIATIONS OF STATES.

Concerning states: What is the most religious state? Mass. Decal state? Tenn. The father of states? Pa. State of exclamation? O. The most unhealthy? Ill. The most maidenly? Miss. The most egotistical? Me. State of astonishment? La. State to cure the sick? Md. Best in time of flood? Ark. The most Asiatic? Ala. or Ind. Best state for students? Conn. Not a state for the untidy? Wash. The most useful in haying time? Mo. State where there is no such word as fail? Kan.—N. Y. Mail and Express.

That Made a Difference. Dick—He married, did he? Well, some fellows don't know when they're well off.

Jack—Well, in this case he knew the girl was well off.—Puck.

VISITORS AND DELEGATES

Who Attended the National Baptist Convention.

(Continued from last week.)

Rev. L. W. Gray, Cincinnati, O.; P. T. Phosphate, Cincinnati, O.; Miss Pauline Jones, St. Louis, Mo.; Mrs. A. M. Willis, Philadelphia, Pa.; Miss O. H. H. Jones, Franklin City, N. J.; Miss John Phillips, Trenton, N. J.; Miss Candia, city; W. H. Moore, St. Louis, Va.; W. T. Hall, Danville, Va.; Rev. H. S. Jones, 909 College Ave.; Rev. H. B. Brown, Alexandria, La.; Rev. O. E. Williams, Texas, Ark.; W. R. Richmond, B. D., Louisville, Ky.; Rev. Robert Burke, Burlington, N. J.; Rev. D. C. Washington, Frogmore, S. C.; Rev. H. Moore, Washington, D. C.; Mattie Bledsoe, Trenton, Tenn.; Rev. S. A. Coston, Hamburg, La.; S. T. Griggs, E. Nashville, Tenn.; Rev. J. L. Brown, Harver Co., Va.; Mrs. Kate Christian, Richmond, Va.; Mrs. Adeline Dupress, Atlanta, Ga.; Mr. E. H. Bessy, R. L. Rev. E. Donato, Bina Co. Dunlap, P. O., S. C.; Rev. L. N. Robinson, Palatka Co., Fla.; Box 60; C. J. Harty, Pensacola, Fla.; Alex. Johnson, 1715 Division St., Baltimore, Md.; D. W. 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Widow Not a Married Woman.

The high court of justice of England has decided, in the case of *Ridall vs. Nicols*, that under certain circumstances a "widow" is not a "married woman." A man by his will had directed a certain sum to be paid to his "now married" daughter, E. M. D., and certain other sums to be paid to each of his daughters who at the time of dividing the estate should be a "married woman." At the time of the division E. M. D. was a widow. The justice decided that within the meaning of the will E. M. D. was not a "married woman."

The Difference.

Little Elmer (a thoughtful lad)—Papa, what is the difference between a patriot and a politician? Prof. Broadhead—Why, the former does it for fun, and the latter for the money there is in it.—Puck.

OF GENERAL INTEREST.

An estimate of the rice acreage in eastern Texas this year places it at 30,000.

Arthur Zimmerman, the old-time champion, is now managing a hotel in a New Jersey summer resort.

Japanese are being introduced into Nevada City. They get one dollar a day, and board themselves.

Sailors are very scarce at Honolulu. The German ship *Hera* had to pay \$25 a man for the run from that place to Puget Sound.

Prize fighters never train off anything like as many pounds in proportion to their weight as jockeys. They couldn't keep their strength if they did.

Vacation cards, issued by a public library in Somerville, Mass., are good during July and August, and those who possess them are permitted to take out ten books at a time and return them within four weeks by mail or express and exchange them for another ten books.

ARMY AND NAVY.

Hereafter boys who enlist in the navy will not have to buy their uniforms.

The tube of a 12-inch gun has 50 spiral grooves inside, which cause the shot to revolve 75 times per second as it rushes through the air.

In India mounted officers traveling by rail on temporary duty, may, if they prefer it, take a bicycle with them at government expense, in lieu of a charger.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

The gossip and the hypocrite are twins.

A spare moment is a golden nugget of time.

You can always have the law at actual cost.

The nurse maid accepts more or less hush money.

A wise man never covets a thing he can live without.

Too many men mistake their faults for misfortunes.

There is nothing so bad but what good may come of it.

Only the very poor man is absolutely sure of his friends.

The rich man has troubles of which the poor man knows nothing.

Honesty is a policy on which anyone can afford to pay the premiums.

According to the merchant's creed the best book is a profitable ledger.

Youth may be impetuous, but it usually possesses the merit of sincerity.

Blood will tell—therefore it is unwise to confide a secret to your relatives.

Never be ashamed to show your respect for honesty in whatever guise it may appear.

The sweetest natures are those possessing the faculty of being contented under all circumstances.

Lots of men would rather swindle a fellow man out of a nickel than earn a dollar by honest labor.

A woman says her husband is such a blunderer that he can't try on a new shoe without putting his foot in it.

"A Word to Women" is the title of a new book by a bachelor author. He managed to get in the first word, but the women are sure to have the last.

Chicago Daily News.

NEWSPAPER HISTORY.

The first Russian newspaper appeared in 1703.

The first French newspaper was founded in 1632.

The first Swedish newspaper was the *Argus*, founded in 1730.

In 1720 there was a printing press in Jamaica, West Indies.

The first paper issued in Delaware was the *Courant*, founded in 1761.

The first paper issued in Maryland was the *Maryland Gazette*, founded in 1727.

The first Turkish newspaper was the *Le Courrier de Smyrne*, founded in 1826.

In 1851 the shah of Persia officially permitted the publication of a newspaper.

The first press Chile owned was brought from the United States in 1810.

The first German newspaper was the *Frankfurter Journal*, founded in 1615.

The first English newspaper appeared in 1619. It was called the *Weekly News*.

The first paper founded in New York was the *New York Gazette*, founded October 16, 1725.

The first newspaper issued in Connecticut was the *Connecticut Gazette*, founded in 1755.

Sing Pomona set up the first types and took the first impression of the first press ever set up in Polynesia. This was the 30th day of July, 1817.

Not Competent to Judge. They were discussing the new minister.

"He has a fine delivery, don't you think?" she asked.

"Really, I couldn't say," he answered absent-mindedly. "I never saw him pitch."—Chicago Post.

Riding a Free Horse. Adam—Where do you spend the afternoon, dear?

Eve (sweetly)—Down at my dressmaker's.

Adam—Great Scott! Woman, if you don't leave that fig tree alone you'll kill it, sure!—Town Topics.

Of One Mind. Mrs. Highmind—I think this betting at races is perfectly abominable. It's sinful; it's wicked.

Mrs. De Good—Indeed it is. My husband always loses, and I haven't had a new bonnet for three months.—N. Y. Weekly.

LITERARY LITTER.

Thomas Bailey Aldrich, the poet, is said to have been offered a chair in the University of Chicago.

Publishers say books on the Hispano-American war do not sell. The authors write too much about strategy and too little about individual acts of heroism.

The Berkshire Historical society, of Lenox, Conn., proposes to make a public park of the large maple grove in which, until 1890, stood the "Little Red House" where Nathaniel Hawthorne lived from 1850 to 1852.

Amelia E. Barr, who has been the mother of 14 children, has written 32 books, prepared a professor for Princeton college, and at threescore years of age is a superb picture of vitality—as fresh and sweet of heart as a young girl.

The Bookman predicts that the vogue of the colonial romance is about over, and that it will be followed by the temporary reign of the religious novel. It bases this bold prophecy upon the discussion that James Lane Allen's "The Reign of Law" is creating, and upon the growing success of the pioneer book of the movement—"The Redemption of David Corson," by Rev. Charles Frederic Goss, formerly the occupant of the pulpit of Moody's church in Chicago. As the latter novel is now in its twenty-sixth thousand it may well claim more attention than the average critic has thus far bestowed upon it.

His Preference.

The Lady Bountiful of the parish was going her rounds, and called at a small cottage occupied by a "model" peasant, whose wife had been an invalid for some years.

"And how is Mary to-day?" inquired the visitor.

"Just about the same, thankee kindly, mem," was the reply.

"Did she enjoy those little things I sent her yesterday?" asked the lady.

"The things come all right, mem, an' we be greatly obliged; but, if I might make so bold, would ye not send her any more of that jelly?"

Some jam—strawberry jam—be much more sootable, mem."

"Why, doesn't she care for the jelly?" was the natural query.

"Yes, mem, she do; but I can't say as I does!"—London Mail.

Eagle Took the Trap Along.

A young man who was hunting recently in the Alleghenies, near Red Oak Knob, Va., shot a large bald eagle. The bird measured seven feet two inches across the wings. When the hunter went to examine the prize, says the *New York Tribune*, he was astonished to find one of the eagle's claws held firmly in a powerful steel trap, to which was attached a steel chain five feet long. Trap and chain had marks of vicious blows from the eagle's beak, showing how he had vainly endeavored to free himself from them. They had not interfered with his flight, however.

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